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MAUI SENATORS WILL SERVE IN SENATE LEADERSHIP,

Honolulu, HI – Senate Democrats have announced the leaders and committee chairs for the 2005 session which will include all three members of Maui County's Senate contingent.

AND PLAY A KEY ROLE ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEES

Senators' Shan Tsutsui, Rosalyn Baker, and J. Kalani English will all hold positions of influence and increased responsibility within the 2005 Senate.

Tsutsui who has served for the past two years as Majority Caucus Leader will remain as the Senate's Majority Caucus Leader. He will also assume the number two spot on the powerful Ways and Means Committee as Vice Chairman. Baker who has chaired the Senate Health Committee will continue to chair that committee along with assuming a new role as Assistant Majority Floor Leader. English who last year chaired the Energy and Environment Committee will now chair a committee with an increased area of responsibility, the Energy, Environment & International Affairs Committee.

"Shan, Roz, and Kalani are important and dedicated legislators. They have served as a strong voice not only for the people of Maui County, but for all the people of Hawaii as well" said Senate President Robert Bunda.

Tsutsui said, "I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. This is an important time, and we must move our state in the right direction. I will continue to deliver results for all of Maui's residents and the State of Hawaii."

The Twenty-Third Legislature will convene on Wednesday, January 19, 2005.